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DN, Texas, May 12 (R)—Divers today resumed the workmen believed trapped inside an oil rig which sank offshore in the Gulf of Mexico late on Thursday. Coast guard spokesman said divers from the cutter were able to go into the submerged portion of the rig at first light, after heavy seas and high winds said there was still some hope that the men might be rescued, but "it gets slimmer every hour". Thirty-four men were on the rig, Ranger 1, when one of its three legs pulling the platform 50 feet to the water. Twenty-six of them were seriously injured, by small boats and the crew were drilling in about 50 to 60 feet of water when the rig collapsed.

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King to receive N. Yemeni message

AMMAN, May 12 (JNA)—A North Yemeni envoy arrived here today with a message to His Majesty King Hussein from President Ali Abdullah Saleh dealing with Jordanian-North Yemeni relations and developments in the Arab region. The envoy, Minister of Information and Culture Yahya Hussein Al-Ansheh, said in a statement that his visit is in the course of consultations among Arab states with the aim of serving the cause of the Arab nation. He also lauded the existing strong relations between North Yemen and Jordan and said that the talks he will later hold with Minister of Information Adnan Abu Odeh will centre on ways of further strengthening these relations in all fields. The Yemeni envoy came here from Damascus where he delivered another message from President Ali Abdullah Saleh to President Hafez Al-Assad of Syria.

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declares Jerusalem capital of Palestine

Jerusalem, May 12 (Agencies)—Jerusalem was declared capital of today by the 10th conference of Islamic foreign ministers which after five days of discussions dominated throughout by the problem of the Middle East.

The ministers also pledged full support for African liberation movements until the elimination of colonialist and racist regimes from the African continent. The conference also recommended close cooperation with the Organisation of African Unity (OAU) and expressed its willingness to help liberation movements and refugees in southern Africa. Member states were called on "scrupulously to maintain U.N. sanctions against the racist regimes of Southern Africa and to continue their efforts to broaden the scope of these sanctions."

Syria to try to bar Egypt from Havana summit

DAMASCUS, May 12 (R)—Syria has hinted that it would try to bar Egypt from the next meeting of non-aligned countries as it did in the case of the Islamic Conference Organisation which ended in Morocco today. The state-run Damascus Radio said: "If the Arab Nation has scored another gain against the designs of Israel, Sadat and the United States, this is only a prelude to more important gains on the international level preliminary to expelling this regime from the non-aligned countries' conference." Egypt was suspended from the Islamic conference in Fez, Morocco, after a Syrian motion to this effect was approved.

Irani leftist journal suspends publication

TEHRAN, May 12 (R)—The newspaper Ayandegan, one of Tehran's three main dailies, today suspended publication in the face of vigorous attacks by Iran's Islamic leadership. The last edition of the left-leaning newspaper was published this morning with three of its four pages blank. Ayandegan sources said mobs attacked and destroyed news stands selling the edition after an official radio broadcast accused the paper of being Zionist-controlled.

cyclone hits Indian coast

May 12 (R)—Gales of nearly 95 miles per hour (150 km/h) hit the southern Indian coast today as weathermen expected tidal waves from a powerful cyclone of India (YT1) said life in Nellore, north of Madras, and communications with the rest of the country were cut off. The cyclone hit one of the town's police buildings and dozens of trees, but there were no reports of any deaths. It hit coastal areas of Andhra Pradesh state, in which 1,000s of villagers were reported to be cut off from their homes. The cyclone hit the full fury of the cyclone was reported to have hit the coast within the next 24 hours, with about 12 feet (four metres) high. People have been evacuated from coastal areas, stated by a cyclone in November 1977. The death toll at two although a number of missing. Also missing from the disabled 7,430-ton Panamaster United Vanguard which has been in trouble since it was hit by a cyclone in November 1977. The vessel was rescued by a Russian vessel en route to Madras, the United News Of India reported.

Soviet Vienna summit promises few surprises

By Roy Gutman
VIENNA, May 12 — The Soviet Union has promised for Vienna next week a broad significance above the ceremonial signing of the Arms Limitation Treaty. Previous summit meetings have failed to establish an enduring and expanded cooperation and confidence between the two superpowers. President Carter, in his first meeting with Soviet leader Leonid Brezhnev, will not be aiming for a breakthrough but hopes that this meeting will lead towards forging increased mutual trust between the two superpowers. The summit, next month's meeting in Moscow, will be a continuation of the talks. Even the June 15 summit, according to the Soviet announcement, is merely reflecting a postponement. The signing of SALT II, the arms control pact ever drafted, will be for broad cooperation in a wider field. Since the earlier summit conferences, between 1959 and 1974, U.S.-Soviet relations have been marked by growing distrust and U.S. officials think the blame for this lies on both sides. One area for continuing policy dispute is the Middle East. Moscow's and Washington's decisions, during the 1973 Middle East war, to undertake major arms supplies of Egypt and Syria and Israel, were the first breach of the code of détente agreed at the first Nixon-Brezhnev summit in May 1972. That was the date from which U.S. policy planners say détente began to erode, and it led to an American solo effort to bring about peace in the Middle East. The Soviet Union, in turn, has had reason more recently to question U.S. motives. After months of consultation, the two countries issued a joint statement on Oct. 1, 1977, outlining steps and principles towards reconvening the Geneva peace conference. But less than two months later, the United States scuttled the plan when Egyptian President Anwar Sadat's surprise trip to Israel opened the way to direct Israeli-Egyptian negotiations. Senior U.S. officials say this abandonment of the Oct. 1 statement raised Soviet concern about how seriously Mr. Carter wanted cooperation and this probably slowed the SALT II negotiations, thought to be nearing completion at that time. The Middle East was only one area of disagreement in

Jordan, USSR urge comprehensive settlement

MOSCOW, May 12 (Agencies)—Jordanian Minister of State for Foreign Affairs Hassan Ibrahim has held talks with Soviet Foreign Minister Andrei Gromyko on the Middle East situation and the development of bilateral relations. Tass News Agency reported today. Mr. Ibrahim agreed with Mr. Gromyko that the Egyptian-Israeli settlement had aggravated tension in the Middle East and set new obstacles to genuine peace in the area, it said. "Satisfaction was expressed over the development of Soviet-Jordanian relations, and the great importance attached by the two sides to the contacts between the leadership of the Soviet Union and Jordan on questions of mutual interest was stressed," Tass said. Mr. Ibrahim arrived on a short visit to Moscow on Thursday and met Mr. Gromyko yesterday. Mr. Ibrahim and Mr. Gromyko expressed their conviction that the achievement of a just and lasting peace in the Middle East region can not be brought about in the absence of a comprehensive settlement in which all concerned parties directly involved in the issue take part, the Jordan News Agency (JNA) said. These must include the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO) which is the sole and legitimate representative of the Palestinian people, JNA added. The two sides also expressed their rejection of separate solutions and stressed that the Egyptian-Israeli peace treaty has further complicated the situation and set new obstacles to genuine peace in the area. The treaty, the two sides said, serves only Israeli expansionist designs in the occupied Arab territories, JNA said.

Egyptian, Israeli aides plan Sadat-Begin May 27 meeting

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, May 12 (R)—Senior aides to Israeli Prime Minister Menachem Begin and Egyptian President Anwar Sadat will hold talks at Al Arish in the Sinai and Beersheba in the Naqab tomorrow, to prepare for the visit of their leaders to the two towns on May 27, officials here said today. Eliahu Ben-Elissar, director general of the prime minister's office, will meet Dr. Hassan Kamel, President Sadat's chief of bureau, they said. A team of four Egyptian army officers is already in Al Arish, working with an Israeli team on the demarcation of the new boundary to which Israeli troops will withdraw on May 25. From details of the programme for the May 27 meeting so far disclosed, it appears that the Israeli and Egyptian leaders will spend a large part of the day flying about the area.

The plan calls for President Sadat and Mr. Begin to meet in Al Arish and fly together to Beersheba, where they will both address students at Ben Gurion International Airport near Tel Aviv. A board of civilian aircraft, fly to Cairo, turn round without landing and return to Israel. The extent of the participation of U.S. Secretary of State Cyrus Vance in the programme arranged for President Sadat and Mr. Begin is not yet known. Officials said he would take part in at least the opening of talks between the two national leaders, marking the commencement of negotiations on autonomy for Palestinian on the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

Thatcher urges break from 'drift and decline'

PERTH, Scotland, May 12 (R)—British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher, in her first major speech to a Conservative Party gathering since its general election victory over Labour, said today she intended to make a decisive break from the "drift and decline of recent years." Mrs. Thatcher, addressing a rally of Scottish Conservatives, looked ahead to next Tuesday's opening of a new parliamentary session when Queen Elizabeth will read the government-drafted speech outlining the legislative programme for the next 17 months. "Election campaigns rightly focus on differences between the parties," she said. "But when the battle is over the government acts for the nation as a whole. We will seek to do that on the principles we have described." "On Tuesday we shall set out our programme for tackling this great task. It will be a new beginning. It will mark a decisive break from the drift and decline of recent years. But in the deepest sense there is nothing radically new in our proposals. They are changes to bring back what we all regret having lost."

The 1970's Congressional action which undermined former President Richard Nixon's plan to open trade with Moscow embittered the Soviet side in late 1974. The following year it was Soviet and Cuban military support for the Marxist faction in Angola that upset Washington. The Soviet side, believing that the tide was running against the west in the developing world, has not allowed such actions as the U.S. role in the Vietnam war to damage relations. The Carter administration claims that on balance the west is holding its own in the third world. But domestic critics want something done to halt the Soviet and Cuban build-up in such places as Ethiopia and Afghanistan. Although regional conflict will be a major topic at the summit, the best that can be expected will be an agreement to consult more frequently, officials say. Strategic and other arms relations will be the main topics. A third will be bilateral exchanges and relations. "One question being pondered in Washington is whether the Soviet Union will show restraint in its third world involvements while the Senate debates ratification of the SALT II treaty. An important signal will be whether the Soviet Union vetoes or merely abstains when the United Nations Security Council votes in July on renewing the mandate of the U.N. Emergency Force (UNEF) for the Egyptian Sinai — a vote much sought by the U.S.

Iraq calls for Arab summit conference

According to informed Kuwaiti sources following the signing of a separate Egyptian-Israeli peace, it was revealed by informed sources here today.

KUWAIT, May 12 (Agencies)—Iraq is sending out invitations for another Arab summit meeting, to adopt a unified Arab strategy against Israel. The sources that did not wish to be identified said the invitation was delivered to Kuwait's ruler, Sheikh Jaber Al-Ahmad Al-Sabah earlier in the day. An official announcement said Iraq's Housing Minister, Mr. Taher Yassin Ramadan, called on Sheikh Jaber earlier in the day and delivered a special message from Iraqi President Ahmed Hassan Al-Bakr. The announcement did not elaborate. The sources said President Bakr in his message asks for the convening of a second Arab summit conference, to follow up the one staged in Baghdad last November and adopt a unified Arab anti-Israel strategy. The earlier Baghdad summit denounced the U.S.-inspired Camp David agreements for a separate Egyptian-Israeli peace and laid the ground for Egypt's suspension from the Arab League by the majority of its members last month, after the actual signing of the treaty. Mr. Ramadan later arrived in Riyadh for a meeting with King Khalid, the Iraqi News Agency reported.

UNIFIL ignores Haddad warning, drives into south Lebanese village

BRAACHIT, Lebanon, May 12 (R)—United Nations troops backed by armoured cars drove into this southern Lebanese village today following a warning from Lebanese renegade army major Saad Haddad that he would occupy it. Maj. Haddad, who has declared a "Free Lebanon" in a wedge of territory along the Israeli border, made the threat after demanding that the villagers cooperate with him. Braachit has been a target for Israeli gunners and their Lebanese rightist allies. Yesterday, three people were killed and a woman was wounded in a bombardment. The village headman said Maj. Haddad had warned that his armoured vehicles would occupy the village by force unless his demand was heeded. He notified the Irish commander of the U.N. troops in the village and Dutch, Nigerian and Senegalese troops of the U.N. Interim Force in Lebanon (UNIFIL) later arrived. Three hostages taken by the rightists from the village have been released. Israeli planes continued to fly over the region today. Eight children were reported killed and seven others wounded when a bomb they found exploded at a village north of Tyre. The newspaper As-Safir said they were victims of an anti-personnel cluster bomb of the type dropped by Israeli planes earlier this week. Lebanese authorities in Sidon, provincial capital of the South, maintained that Israeli warplanes dropped cluster bombs during their recent raids in the South.

Shawwa urges U.S. to recognise PLO

BEIRUT, May 12 (R)—The Mayor of Gaza, Mr. Rashad Al-Shawwa, today called on the United States to recognise the Palestine Liberation Organisation as the sole representative of the Palestinian people. Speaking at a news conference, Mr. Shawwa said that the U.S., "which carries the banner of defending the right to self-determination for all peoples, must recognise our right to self-determination." He said that the U.S. and Israel, while claiming to be democracies, were denying democratic principles by their refusal to recognise the PLO as the sole representative of the Palestinian people. "Democracy means the rule of the majority. In the case of the Palestinians we have decided unanimously to have the PLO as our sole representative to find a solution," he said. The mayor of the Israeli-occupied town said he rejected the Palestinian autonomy plan formulated under the Egypt-Israel peace agreement signed last March because it would not bring self-determination or create an independent Palestinian state. He also said he rejected participation in any elections under the present autonomy plan, saying the plan legalised Israeli occupation. The mayor denied a report in Friday's Jordan Times quoting him as calling for the establishment of an independent Palestinian state in the Gaza Strip.

Israel deport two Americans from West Bank

TEL AVIV, May 12 (Agencies)—Israel has deported two American students accused of participating in anti-Israeli demonstrations in the occupied West Bank last week. The two are Michael and Carl Derrick, 20-year-old identical twin brothers and students at Birzeit University, which was ordered closed by the Israeli military occupation authorities after student demonstrators clashed with militant Israeli settlers. The two brothers, from State College, Pennsylvania, are the sons of Mr. Wayne Derrick, head librarian at Birzeit University. The deportation order, issued on May 10, gave them three days to leave Israel.

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Civil Aviation director leaves for Amsterdam

AMMAN, May 12 (JNA) — Director General of the Civil Aviation Directorate Sharif Ghazi Rakan will leave for Amsterdam tomorrow at the head of a civil aviation team for a three-day visit and talks with Dutch officials.

The talks aim at amending a bilateral air transport agreement signed in 1961 by which Alia operates two weekly flights to Amsterdam.

Central bank governors technical committee holds meet

AMMAN, May 12 (JNA) — Central Bank Governor Dr. Mohammad Sa'id Nabulsi opened here today a meeting of the technical committee formed by governors of Arab central banks.

During the several-day meeting, the committee will be studying ways of developing Arab financial markets and facilitating the flow of Arab capital among Arab states to help in development projects.

Recommendations to be passed by the technical committee during this meeting and those passed at two previous meetings, one held in Amman and the other in Kuwait, will be referred to the central bank governors at their next meeting, a committee spokesman said.

By Sara O'Neill
Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 12 — A paper presented by Mr. Ali Ghandour, Chairman of Alia, the Royal Jordanian Airline, this morning brought to life the first day of an international transport conference, being held in Amman.

Mr. Ghandour's paper on air transport and airport problems highlighted the rather negative role played by most Arab governments in advancing the development of air traffic in the region.

The three-day international transport conference was opened this morning under the patronage of His Highness Crown Prince Hassan at the Amman Chamber of Industry. It is the first of its kind to be held in Jordan and has attracted over 100 participants from more than a dozen countries.

"Efficient Transport in the Arab States—the key to progress during the next decade" is the theme of the conference.

Following the address of welcome given by Minister of Transport Ali Suhaimat, the Crown Prince added a few words on the

China, Jordan sign trade agreement

HONG KONG, May 12 (R)—China and Jordan today signed a trade agreement in Peking, the New China News Agency reported.

The agreement was signed by Chinese Vice-Minister of Foreign Trade Jia Shi and Jordanian ambassador to China Kamal Al Hamoud, the agency said but gave no details.

vital importance of developing regional links in transportation, such as the Hijaz railway and "the gleam in the eye" of the next two or three decades—a railway link with the Indian subcontinent. He also mentioned the plan to establish roads that will connect the outer perimeters of the Arabian peninsula.

The Crown Prince expressed the hope that the conference would not be a "flash in the pan" type of meeting and stressed the need for greater cooperation between Arab states, which are not yet economically homogenous.

Chairing the conference in the morning was Mr. D.C. Elliot of the World Bank (he is chief of the Railways and Ports Division for Europe, Middle East and North Africa) and in the afternoon Dr. Saloum, Deputy Minister of Communications in Saudi Arabia. Four speakers presented papers—two in the morning and two after lunch.

First to speak was Mr. T. Beagley of Britain on "direction and control of Transport by Governments". Mr. Beagley stressed that, in his opinion after 30 years as a government official, the level of government interference in transportation should be kept to an absolute minimum since the transport operator knows best how to run his business.

Although governments will justifiably find it necessary to exercise some control over transport in order to protect national interests, it is vital that a transport system should be efficient. This applies even more internationally where flexibility of operating conditions and fair competition are necessary for quality of service, Mr. Beagley said.

Mr. Ghandour, who presented a comprehensive picture of the remarkable growth in recent years of the importance of air transport in the Arab World, gave a forthright and interesting talk which brought a number of questions from the audience made up of experts in different fields of transport.

Among the air transport and airport problems highlighted in his paper, which was accompanied by a slide show, he spoke at length of

the absence of an overall aviation policy and coordination among Arab states and the inadequacy of the inter-Arab route network. A traveller from Damascus to Aden, for example, has to fly via Europe—thus adding many hours to his journey.

The importance of air transport in the Arab World was stressed by an impressive set of statistics which showed that Arab nations as a whole have the highest growth rate in air transport among all the regions of the world.

On the subject of inadequate government support or the

liability of governments in the Middle East region fully to appreciate the benefits of coordinated activity and plans among the airlines and themselves, Mr. Ghandour explained that "restriction on traffic rights and refusal to grant traffic rights to their countries' carriers causes the greatest hindrance in development of air traffic. Many Arab countries still

charge royalties on air traffic even to Arab carriers."

This protectionist attitude is "suicidal," Mr. Ghandour said. He recommended that Arab countries end the impasse by adopting an "open-sky" policy.

Other major problems in the development of air transport include visa restrictions imposed by Arab countries, airport congestion and the shortage of training centres. Lack of local expertise in some Arab countries results in airports being run by foreign experts.

Unlike other developing countries, most Arab countries have no financing problems, but money could be better spent on standardising air transport at a level that can be maintained instead of squandering money on aircraft and equipment which are very prestigious but not within the airlines' capability to handle.

The conference is the brainchild of Mr. Omar Al Hassan, Director

of the Arab League office in London, who last year asked Conferences Ltd. of London to organise it.

Amman was chosen in preference to other capitals in Arab World. Mr. Al Hassan explained to the Jordan Times since Jordan plays a key role in major transportation fields in Middle East.

Alia, the Hijaz Railway, Public Transport Corporation, the Ministry of Transport among the nine sponsors of conference. The other five sponsors are the Arab Tourism Union, the Arab Towns Organisation (Kuwait), the Overland Transport Co. (Kuwait), the Chartered Institute of Transport (London), British Airways.

The conference continues tomorrow with papers on Concorde, supersonic, air education and training, and power and tourism planning.

Open options

WE WELCOME yesterday's joint statement by Jordan and the Soviet Union that a just and permanent peace in the Middle East can only be achieved through a comprehensive solution in which all parties, including the PLO as the only representatives of the Palestinian people, are included.

The statement is more than just a timely reiteration of Jordan's well-known views on this urgent matter. It is also a reminder that the Arab states reject separate, piecemeal solutions which have the effect, if not the aim, of dividing the Arab World while serving only the interests of an expansionist Israel, and that they have important friends who share that view.

Jordan is in the forefront of the Arab parties who are unceasingly striving to find new avenues by which to approach the momentous problem of securing peace and justice. As His Majesty King Hussein said just a month ago, "there must be a new international action in which the Soviet Union and other parties concerned in the region could participate" in the search for peace.

At the moment, it looks as if the reconvening of the Geneva peace conference offers the best hope for providing this wider forum. To embark anew on the road to Geneva becomes more difficult, however, with every passing day, which is why the Arabs must seize the initiative now. We hope, therefore, that something will come of Iraq's reported initiative for calling a summit to formulate a common Arab position and a detailed Arab action plan which leaves no room for doubt that the Arabs urgently seek and want peace.

It is wishful thinking, we fear, to expect the Carter administration, particularly as the 1980 elections draw nearer, suddenly to pull back from the Camp David approach and seek an alternative way of influencing events in the Middle East. Mr. Carter could hardly expect the fickle American electorate to take kindly to an admission on his part that the vaunted Camp David "miracle" has come to naught, and that the partnership of the Soviets—whose motives, as the SALT debate shows, are still suspected by a substantial segment of U.S. public opinion—should be sought in a new joint Mideast initiative.

The basis for such a joint initiative once existed, in the form of the October 1977 Soviet-American communique, which expressed agreement to a surprising degree on the prerequisites for fair Middle East settlement. It may be beyond the capacity of detente or the SALT talks to rebuild that framework, now that it has been overshadowed by the extravagant edifice of Camp David.

But that does not prevent the Arab states themselves from fashioning a new, dynamic plan of action for Middle East peace and presenting it to the world community, at the U.N. or at Geneva, with the aim of securing the help needed to put it into effect. We think the beginnings of this hopeful process are being witnessed now.

ARAB PRESS COMMENTARY

COMMENTING ON the news, reportedly communicated to Egypt through the U.S. embassy in Cairo, that the Carter administration has reached an agreement with the Soviet Union to bring the Middle East issue back to the U.N., AL RA'Y in its editorial Saturday suggests that "we give the U.S. a chance to correct the course of its Middle East policy," which, the paper says, has brought about the isolation of Egypt from the Arab and Islamic Worlds.

The paper believes that the U.S.'s reported intention to transfer the issue to the U.N. constitutes a recognition on the part of the U.S. that the position adopted by the Arabs in rejecting the Camp David agreement is correct. The paper, therefore, calls on the Arabs not to "rush blindly" behind the new U.S. policy as this would be a serious mistake, tantamount to accepting the Camp David agreements.

The paper further justifies its advice on the basis that the Arabs have not as yet developed a unified programme of action or built up their indigenous strength.

The paper asserts that without unified Arab action based on strength, going to Geneva would be meaningless, as Israel would not give up an inch of Arab territories unless it felt that the Arabs were strong enough to impose their will to achieve a just and comprehensive peace in the area.

AL DUSTOUR lauds the decision made by the Islamic Conference meeting in Fez that calls for Jerusalem to be designated capital of Palestine, and says that all the world has condemned Israeli attempts to Judaize the holy city.

The paper says that undoubtedly Islamic states are the ones who ought to shoulder the responsibility of carrying out such action—taking into consideration the urgency of the situation.

The time factor, the paper adds, plays an important role in the conspiracy against Muslims and Arabs; and this is why, the paper concludes, Jordan has been unequivocal in its call for an Islamic summit to find a way to rescue Jerusalem before it is too late.

WHAT'S GOING ON

Art Exhibit

The Dept. of Culture and Arts presents an exhibition of paintings by Zaki Shafieh and Yasser Dwaik at the Art Gallery, Ministry of Culture and Youth.

Photo Exhibit

The French Cultural Centre presents an exhibit of photos on Provence, which is open during regular hours.

French Film

The French Cultural Centre presents part III of a film entitled "La vie fabuleuse de Gauguin" at 7:30 p.m.

Painting Exhibit

The Goethe Institute presents a water colour illustration exhibit by Jan Cejka entitled "Wild Flowers of Jordan." The exhibit opens at 5:00 p.m. on Monday.

American Films

The American Centre presents two films starting at 5:30 and 7:00 p.m. on Monday. The first is "Golden Age of Comedy" and the second is "12 o'clock High." Free entry tickets should be picked up in advance.

French Documentaries

The French Cultural Centre presents two films about Provence at 6:00 p.m. on Monday. The first is "Memoires de Provence" and the second is "Autour de la Tour Magne."

Archaeology Lecture

The Friends of Archaeology presents a slide-illustrated lecture by Dr. Walter Rast about excavations at Bab edh Dhra near the Dead Sea. The lecture starts at 6:30 p.m. at the Haya Arts Centre, on Monday.

Lecture

The Spanish Cultural Centre presents a lecture by Dr. Jesus Riosalido on a book by Dr. Issa Na'uri entitled "The Black Ribbon." Dr. Riosalido has translated this book into Spanish. The lecture starts at 7:00 p.m. on Monday.

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houl mayor on peace conditions

WING is the text of a speech delivered by the mayor of the occupied West Bank, Mr. Mohammad Milhem, at a U.S. policy in the Middle East American Friends Service Convention this month.

HALF a century ago, the inter-unity — through the League of Nations — that the Palestinian people self-government. Today we are only "for one-third of our people our country."

no convincing justification for this ment of our national rights, except d by the presently prevailing con- sider. Equally, we know of no con- why we should undermine our entic regional peace by accepting egitimising this new injustice. We lves, to the people of our region, e of lasting peace to hold out and quitable peace which can be wil- d, rather than oppressive set- must be grudgingly and tem- d.

estian people, experienced gre- felt deeper deprivation, as a con- flict and war, than did the other Middle East. It should be readi- re, that our need for peace is not and that our yearning for peace is it is precisely for this reason that and angered by the present muta- for a comprehensive regional bilateral settlement.

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peace in the Middle East is an "urgent necessity," but they failed to demonstrate fidelity to this commitment by seeking formulas which blatantly ignore and circumvent both of the basic and essential prerequisites of such a peace. They seek, instead, to impose on our region a settlement which leaves more unsatisfied parties than it appeases, and more unresolved issues than those to which it addresses itself.

We, the Palestinians, and all of the peoples of our region have a right to an authentic peace. Equally, we share the obligation and the responsibility to reject and resist attempts to foist upon us a tranquillising substitute. We believe that Israel sought and obtained at Camp David a formula which can only and of necessity lead to the closed road of unilateral settlement with Egypt. This is evident from the fact that while the accords conceded the mutual claims of Israel and Egypt (Israeli withdrawal from occupied Sinai and Egyptian recognition of Israel and the normalization of relations between them), they failed to maintain the symmetry by conceding even in principle the claims of any of the other parties to the Arab-Israeli conflict. As far as the Palestinian dimension of the conflict is concerned, the agreement was deliberately designed to provoke Palestinian rejection.

1. It addresses "the inhabitants of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip" rather than the Palestinian people. We find this evasion of the problem unacceptable for two reasons. First, the inhabitants of the West Bank and the Gaza Strip are a third of the Palestinian people. A minority cannot legitimately act on behalf of the whole. Second, it is the majority of people, ignored by the agreements, who suffered most. While the residents of the West Bank and Gaza live under occupation, they at least live in their homeland. The rest are the victims of forced exile.

2. The Camp David agreements and the consequent negotiations accept the premise that the peoples concerned are free to designate their spokesmen and representatives. The Palestinian people alone are denied this right. The Palestine Liberation Organisation is accepted by the Palestinian people and by the overwhelming majority of the nations of the world as the legitimate representative of the Palestinian people. The Camp David agreements require the Palestinians to seek a substitute leadership as a condition for any sort of participation.

3. The agreements envision "autonomy" for the inhabitants of one-fifth of Palestine. In political terminology, autonomy is less than independence, and an autonomous region is a part of a larger state. The agreements, therefore, rule out the possibility of independence. We see no reason why we should be interested in negotiating a settlement which rules out in advance the option of independence for the Palestinian people. We have no interest in legitimising Israeli occupation by consenting to a thinly camouflaged version of it.

4. Jerusalem, the city built by the Arab Jebusites before the Hebrews ever set foot on this land, is the heart of Palestinian history and heritage. It is also the geographic link between the northern and southern halves of the West Bank. We are neither willing nor able to envision a future without it.

5. Any agreement which does not require, without equivocation, an internationally super-

vised cessation to Israeli settlement in the West Bank and Gaza betrays lack of good faith and a cruel disregard for the future of our people. It is the sine qua non of the confidence-building process which is alleged to be the principal achievement and merit of the ongoing diplomacy.

6. The agreements represent a regression from earlier international commitments to the Palestinian refugees. They make no mention of their internationally recognised right to choose repatriation or compensation. They simply promise that their tragedy will be discussed and that a solution will be sought. Before Camp David there were agreed-upon solutions needing implementation. Now, there is simply a problem which will someday be considered.

The Palestinian people are not unaware of the complexity of the issues. Therefore, they do understand and accept the need for lengthy and difficult negotiations. They are even reconciled to the prospect of phased implementation of a peaceful settlement. They certainly do not expect that the accumulated injustices would vanish overnight, and they do not day-dream of easy and sudden freedom. But they are equally aware of the sterility of negotiating a settlement which in advance rules out the essence of their national identity, rights, and aspirations.

The Palestinian people would be prepared to discuss how, when, under what conditions, and in exchange for what they are to achieve independence in their homeland. But they are not prepared, and no one has the right to expect them, to be prepared, to discuss the modalities of denying them their national freedom.



Mr. David Osborne was one of about 20 parents who assisted at field day. He watches David Rab-johns perform the running high jump.



Fourth graders line up for the sack race, the least "serious" of athletic events.

Field day at ACS

Text and photos by Marianne Pearson Special to the Jordan Times

AMMAN, May 12 — Field day is a spring tradition at American Community School. Nearly 170 children, grades one through five, participated in a variety of sporting events at this year's May 10, field day.

"It's casual, low-key - for fun," said physical education teacher Mrs. Judy Old. "We think it's good for the parents to come out to see the children participate and we hope to encourage enthusiasm for sports, but it's mainly a get-together for the children. We stress good sportsmanship as much as skills. Everybody wins something. Nobody went home without a ribbon."



Mrs. Judy Old, physical education teacher, keeps tabs on athletic contests, many of them occurring simultaneously during the two-hour field day programme.

AMMAN STOCK EXCHANGE REPORT

NAME OF COMPANY	Par Value	Volume Traded	Last Buying Offer	Last Selling Offer	Closing Price
Jordan Petroleum Co.	JD 5.000	7,149	6.690	6.700	6.690
Jordan Cement Factories	JD 10.000	217	14.500	—	14.500
Arab Pharmaceutical Co.	JD 5.000	2,185	23.000	—	23.000
Housing Bank	JD 1.000	585	1.170	1.200	1.170
Jordan-Gulf Bank	JD 1.000	305	1.010	1.020	1.010
Dar Aldawa Development and Investment Co.	JD 1.000	2,244	2.640	2.660	2.640
Jordan Electricity Co.	JD 1.000	2,305	1.370	—	1.390
Jordan Ceramic Industries	JD 1.000	217	0.860	0.880	0.870
Arab Investment Bank	JD 1.000	588	1.070	1.100	1.070
Jordan National Bank	JD 5.000	810	7.900	—	8.100
Arab Bank	JD 10.000	17,385	—	—	91.500
Cairo-Amman Bank	JD 5.000	680	6.810	6.900	6.800
Arab International Hotels Co.	JD 1.000	6,173	0.700	0.730	0.700
Jordan Spinning & Weaving Co.	JD 1.000	126	0.600	0.640	0.630

Total volume traded, Saturday, May 12: JD 40,969
Total number of shares traded: 14,698

Government Development Bonds	Par Value	Volume Traded	Number Traded	Year of Maturity	Selling Price
	JD 5.000	2,856	570	1980	5.010
	JD 5.000	443	85	1982	5.215
	JD 5.000	3,748	735	1983	5.100
	JD 10.000	511	50	1987	10.220

Total volume traded: JD 7,558
Total number of bonds traded: 1,440

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French franc	69.40/69.80
Italian lire	35.80/36.00
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Dutch guilder	147.10/148.00
Swedish crown	69.30/69.70

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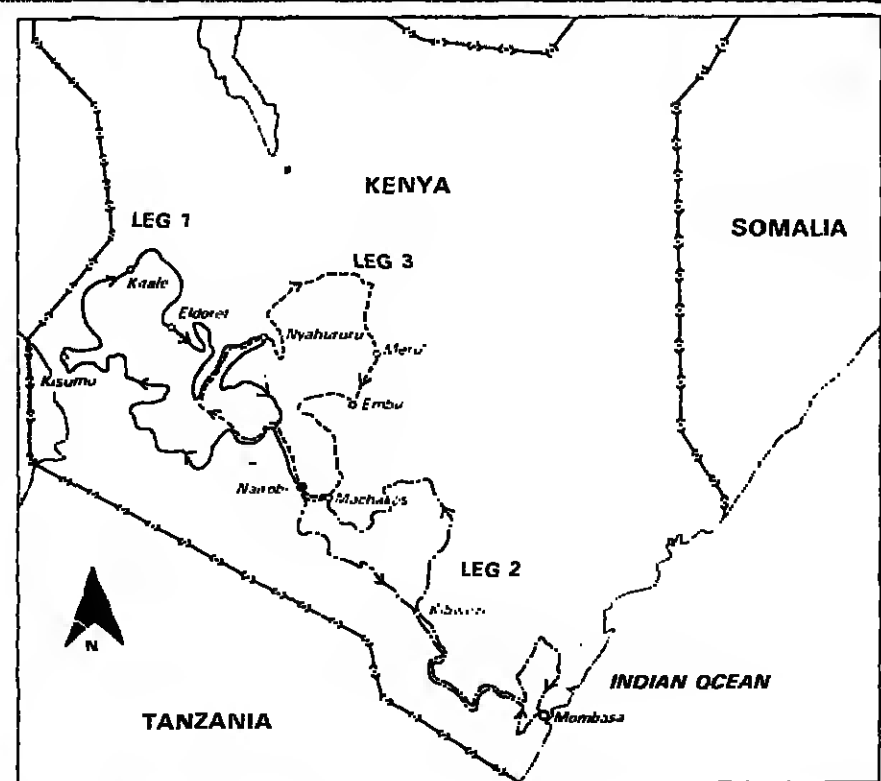
There will be a fall in temperatures and clouds will appear at different levels. Winds will be westerly moderate. In Aqaba it will be cloudy and winds will be northerly moderate with calm seas.

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Nadia Comaneci wins gymnastics title

COPENHAGEN, May 12 (R) — Nadia Comaneci of Romania convincingly won her third successive combined title at the Women's European Gymnastics Championships here last night. Comaneci, 17, totalled 39.45 points and won three of the four disciplines — vaulting, parallel bars and floor exercises — outright. She came second on the beam scoring 9.90 points against the 9.95 of Natalia Shaposhnikova of the Soviet Union. Comaneci's compatriot Emilia Eberle finished second overall with 38.85 and Shaposhnikova was third with 38.75. World champion Yelena Mukhina came a disappointing fourth with 38.70. Yesterday's events were also qualifying competitions for the individual titles which will be decided today.

New scoring system for fencing

PARIS, May 12 (R) — The International Fencing Federation (FIE), at a two-day congress here, has introduced a new scoring system for the sport aimed at reducing the effects of judging errors. Delegates approved an amendment to the regulations which means that, from 1981, the final states of competitions will take place on the knock-out principle and no longer by pools as at present. At the same time, they agreed to a Swiss proposal that fencers, from the quarter-finals onwards, would in future need a winning margin of at least two touches up to the score of 15-15, and then victory would go to the first man to score a touch.

Fencing experts feel this should help reduce the effect of judging errors which can swing a match at present when the fencers are at 9-9. The experts added that, by making the two reforms, the FIE had taken a major step towards simplifying competition finals, both for fencers and spectators. Delegates rejected by 23 votes to 12 a Soviet demand to expel South Africa. They suspended for six

months a Chinese fencer, Qiu Hong-jun, who refused to meet an Israeli in the Under-20 World Championships. FIE President Pierre Ferri was instructed to seek the Chinese Federation's explanation.

Somerset wins over Northamptonshire

LONDON, May 12 (R) — Somerset took advantage of a rainy day which forced several postponements to move to the top of the English County Cricket League with a ten-wicket victory over Northamptonshire yesterday. Former Oxford captain Vic Marks got 76 not out as Somerset rolled to 251 for seven declared, a lead of 122. In reply, Northamptonshire made exactly 122 with Marks taking six for 33 leaving Somerset to score just one run for victory. In the only other match, Yorkshire, after a first innings 151 not out from Geoff Boycott, had to settle for a draw against Derbyshire. Derbyshire reached 200 for six in reply to Yorkshire's 299 for seven when time ran out.

Desai: India must improve performance

NEW DELHI, May 12 (R) — Prime Minister Morarji Desai has called for measures to improve Indian performance in the field of sport. "We have to take steps to ensure that our performance in future is worthy of the potential of the country," he told Education Minister P.C. Chunder, also in charge of sports, in a letter made public yesterday. The prime minister said the problem was one of organisation, attitude and practice rather than of talent. There was what he called "politicalisation," favouritism and manoeuvring, and coaching camps left much to be desired. "All these points must be put right," he said after recalling that India would stage the Asian Games in 1982 and the 1984 World Hockey Cup.

U.K. Football Arsenal beats United in closing minute

LONDON, May 12 (R) — In the most stunning finish to an English Football Association (FA) cup final in years, Arsenal, with a goal one minute from time, triumphed 3-2 over Manchester United at Wembley here today.

Arsenal, last year's beaten finalists, appeared to be cruising to a comfortable 2-0 win with only three minutes left. But suddenly United, seemingly a spent force, unleashed a blistering counter attack that sent their previously subdued fans wild with delight.

Towering centre half Gordon McQueen strode into the penalty area to sidefoot home in the 87th minute and 60 seconds later Irish international Sammy McIlroy wriggled through Arsenal's tottering defence and his blocked shot rolled tantalisingly past goalkeeper Pat Jennings for a sensational equaliser.

Manchester United fans, hardly able to believe their eyes, checked their watches and prepared for another onslaught in extra time—but the excitement was far from over.

Liam Brady, creator of Arsenal's two first half goals for Brian Talbot and Frank Stapleton, again found space and floated across a wickedly curling centre. The ball drifted wide of United's young goalkeeper Gary Bailey and Alan Sunderland, summoning up one last burst of energy, lashed home the winner.

Brady, who limped off in last year's final following an indifferent display, was at his brilliant best in the first half, twice catching United's jittery defence cold. In the 12th minute he drifted across the pitch before slipping a superb ball to David Price whose centre was knocked home by Talbot.

United hit back strongly with Welsh international Micky Thomas working busily in midfield in an attempt to get strikers Jimmy Greenhoff and Joe Jordan clear. United fans roared for a goal in the 38th minute but McQueen had clearly knocked the ball home with his arm.

Arsenal struck again in the crucial minute before halftime. United's defence hesitated as Brady threaded his way through on the right and his pinpoint cross was headed home by the unmarked Stapleton.

United stepped up their pace in the second half in an attempt to unsettle Arsenal with Macari, released from marking Brady, darting through into dangerous positions. His header in the 60th minute was spectacularly turned over by Jennings and five minutes later Macari, a member of Scotland's World Cup squad in Argentina last year, booked narrowly over. Then came those pulsating three minutes that left everybody gasping.

FORECAST FOR SUNDAY, MAY 13, 1979

YOUR DAILY Horoscope

from the Carroll Righter Institute

GENERAL TENDENCIES: Figure a way in which you can expand and extend your activities beyond present boundaries and get more out of life. A good time for having reunions with friends of long standing.

ARIES (Mar. 21 to Apr. 19) You want to visit new sites, make new friends and be inspired to greater heights. This can be accomplished if you stick to original plans.

TAURUS (Apr. 20 to May 20) Fine day to study new outlets, but be sure they are worthwhile and right for you. Make sure you don't upset your mate in any way.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 21) Cooperate more with family members and increase harmony. Any civic work you have to do can be handled well now.

MOON CHILDREN (June 22 to July 21) Take time to show appreciation to those who have done you favors in the past. Plan your duties well for the upcoming week.

LEO (July 22 to Aug. 21) Take time to restore your faith by attending the services of your choice. Contact a good friend who can give the advice you need.

VIRGO (Aug. 22 to Sept. 22) A good day to get home affairs organized better so they run more smoothly in the future. Try to be of greater help to him.

LIBRA (Sept. 23 to Oct. 22) Plan a more prosperous future so you can have more of the things you want in life. Take steps to improve your appearance.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23 to Nov. 21) You are tempted to spend or invest more money than you can afford, so be sure to use good judgment in all your dealings.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22 to Dec. 21) Make the change necessary in career matters that could give you added income in the days ahead. Relax in the evening.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22 to Jan. 20) Good day to formulate plans for the future. Joining a friendly group in the day can benefit you in many ways.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21 to Feb. 19) For many desire companionship of friends today, but contact only those who are loyal and congenial. Express happiness.

PISCES (Feb. 20 to Mar. 20) It's important that you obey every rule and regulation that applies to you today. Make this a most worthwhile day.

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Amin purges said to have decimated male population in Uganda

DOKOLO, Uganda, May 12 (R)—Eight years of Idi Amin's bloodthirsty purges have left entire villages without men in north Uganda. Tanzanian soldiers, pressing on against his retreating forces through the Acholi and Lango regions, are discovering whole communities where there are only widows and orphans.

And in Kampala today, a survivor of the purges told how up to 200 men a day from the two northern tribes were being killed at one stage in 1977.

Mr. Apollo Lawoko, held for 196 days by General Amin's dreaded State Research Bureau and now director of Ugandan broadcasting, also said he saw the deposed dictator personally take part in three killings.

Dr. Milton Obote, the man Gen. Amin overthrew in 1971, was from Lango, and Amin's first act after seizing power was to execute thousands of army officers and men from the two tribes.

Whenever there was a coup attempt—or a coup scare—Gen. Amin would dispatch murder squads north to Acholi and Lango. Now in many areas there is an almost total absence of men aged 20 to 50.

The Tanzanians are now approaching Lango's capital, Lira, one of three district capitals not taken, amid reports of more atrocities by Amin's beaten soldiers.

Sister Janet, a Ugandan nun at the mission station in Dokolo, said Gen. Amin's men had murdered at least two priests in Lira and sac-

Woolworth heiress dies at 66

LOS ANGELES, May 12 (R)—Barbara Hutton, who married seven times in her search for happiness, has died at the age of 66.

Miss Hutton was pronounced dead on arrival at the Cedars-Sinai Hospital last night, a hospital spokesman said today. He said she died of natural causes.

She was the granddaughter of F.W. Woolworth, who founded the international chain of stores. The public saw her as a poor little rich girl and after her third divorce, she said sadly: "You can't buy love with money."

Miss Hutton's list of husbands consisted of three princes—a Russian, a Lithuanian and a Vietnamese—a Danish count, a German baron, a Dominican playboy and film star Cary Grant. All the marriages ended in divorce.

EEC urged to shift energy emphasis from oil to coal

EDINBURGH, Scotland, May 12 (R)—Mr. Roy Jenkins, president of the European Economic Community Commission, yesterday urged the Common Market to shift its energy consumption from an emphasis on oil to coal.

He and Dr. Guido Brunner, EEC Commissioner for Energy, also appealed to Britain to enter the European Monetary System (EMS) set up to stabilise currencies.

Mr. Jenkins, addressing the Consultative Committee of the European Coal and Steel Community (ECSC) at its meeting here, said the 1980s and beyond had to be a period of new investment and research into the use of coal for energy.

Dr. Brunner told the ECSC Consultative Committee that the full force of the EEC had to be exerted in achieving a swift move away from oil as an energy source.

The Consultative Committee, representing coal and steel producers, consumers and trade unions throughout the com-

Austria pledges all-out effort for Carter-Brezhnev summit

VIENNA, May 12 (R)—Austrian authorities yesterday promised blanket security arrangements and "every possible facility" for the Carter-Brezhnev summit starting in Vienna on June 15.

Government officials and police under Chancellor Bruno Kreisky's personal direction began preparing for the presidential meeting soon after Vienna was finally agreed as the venue.

"We are waiting to hear exactly what the Americans and Russians want. We will do everything. Every possible facility will be provided," a Foreign Ministry spokesman said.

Dr. Kreisky, who pressed hard

ked every church and convent in the town. "They have taken everything from the missions, even the beds," she said.

The priests were Father Sante, an Italian, and Father Anania, a Ugandan, she said. They and seven other people went to the town barracks when they heard the Tanzanians had taken over. But Gen. Amin's men were still there and they shot dead all nine, she said.

Mr. Lawoko said he saw President Amin hammer a police official to death and, during a purge of the Acholi and Lango tribes, help beat a group of soldiers to death. Amin wore a gas mask, said Mr. Lawoko.

Mr. Lawoko, who escaped only hours before his own execution was due, also claimed to be the only surviving prisoner to see Anglican Archbishop Janani Luwum and two government ministers only minutes before they were murdered by Gen. Amin and his aides.

He said he saw the archbishop and the two government ministers, Erinyo Oyemba and Charles Othob Othumbi, go into the office of Mr. Farouk Minawa, head of the State Research Bureau, where President Amin was waiting.

"Outside of the office, we could hear Amin accusing them, saying 'I know you are planning to kill me and overthrow the government.' We could hear their denials."

"We heard beatings with what sounded like big whips and after about five minutes, there were shots."

"We were hurried downstairs to our cells, and the guards warned us that if we ever spoke about what happened, we would be skinned alive."

"Shortly afterwards, a guard came and said that the 'sheikh' of

Thailand authorises Red Cross aid for Kampuchean refugees

BANGKOK, May 12 (R)—For the first time, Thailand has agreed to allow an international aid organisation officially to help Kampuchean refugees fleeing across its border, well informed sources reported yesterday.

They said the agreement between the International Red Cross (IRC) and the Thai Government could prove a breakthrough for international humanitarian organisations seeking to persuade the government to relax its policy of sending all Kampucheans back to their country.

The agreement was reached between Thai Prime Minister Kriangsak Chomanan and the IRC's Operations Director Jean Pierre Hocke, the sources said. It came amid reports that thousands of Kampucheans have fled into eastern Thailand in the past few days.

The sources said an assurance given by General Kriangsak that no Kampuchean would be sent back across the border by force was central to the agreement under which the IRC, working principally through the Thai Red Cross, would furnish food and medical help to the refugees.

This has been done in the past but the aid was unofficial because the Thai Government regards as illegal immigrants all Kampucheans crossing the border since Jan. 7 this year, when the Khmer Rouge government of Phnom Penh by a Vietnamese-led offensive.

A renewed Vietnamese-led campaign by the forces of the new Soviet-backed administration in Phnom Penh against the Khmer Rouge in western Kampuchea over the last month has sent fresh waves of refugees into Thailand.

None has been accorded refugee status and most have been sent back, possibly to face death at the hands of the Khmer Rouge who regard them as traitors for escaping, according to refugees.

But repatriation could only be carried out once the level of fighting had diminished significantly and conflict-free areas established to enable a rice crop to be planted, they added. According to refugees, Kampuchea is facing a potential famine, especially in its chief rice-growing Battambang Province in the northwest.

Three members of the gang raided the home of Mr. Giuseppe Merola, a leader of the Rome branch of the Christian Democratic Party, and handcuffed him to a metal hand-rail on his staircase.

They hung a placard around his head saying "Red Brigades—let us destroy the Christian Democrats, strike the men of power in the poor districts," and photographed him before escaping.

The gang did not carry out the usual Red Brigades policy of shooting victims in the legs. Shortly afterwards, the gang left a print of their photograph with a new policy statement in a hiding-place. It was picked up after a telephone tip to a reporter of a Rome newspaper.

"With the elections, the Christian Democrats want to display their power," the guerrillas said. "The proletarians, the revolutionaries, the communists will show their weakness... They will give no respite."

The Red Brigades also boasted that no target was beyond their reach after their successful onslaught on a Christian Democratic Party office here nine days ago. "No target, however well-guarded, is immune to a guerrilla attack."

Government officials said that about 50,000 soldiers would be called in to protect offices and candidates during the campaign, supplementing Italy's police forces.

the church of Uganda was dead. Our turn was to come soon."

According to Mr. Lawoko, the international outcry over the bishop's death caused Gen. Amin to change tactics.

Reclassified as "presidential cases," Mr. Lawoko and two dozen other government officials and professionals were held for six months, tortured daily and forced to sign confessions.

"They were killing between 150 and 200 Lango and Acholi each day until the end of April, and 50 a day for the rest of the time I was in," he said.

"Starting at about 7:30 at night until about 4:00 in the morning, the murder squad would line up on the steps to the ground floor, holding crow bars, hammers and pistols."

"As the bound prisoners were pulled up the steps, people would beat them on all parts of their body. Finally, their heads would be beaten in. By the time they reached the top of the steps, they were dead."

After the hearing of the "presidential cases," Mr. Lawoko was acquitted but 14 others were sentenced to death by firing squad. President Amin sent guards to re-arrest him, but he escaped to Kenya.

According to head of World Food Council

Bangladesh may be on brink of disaster

MANILA, Philippines, May 12 (AP)—Bangladesh, once called "an international basket case" by Mr. Henry Kissinger, may be again on the verge of catastrophe unless the world intervenes, the head of the World Food Council said today.

Mr. Arturo Tanco said Bangladesh officials told him they expect hundreds of thousands to starve this summer without at least a half-million tons of emergency grain aid.

Last December, the shortfall in food grains predicted for Bangladesh this year was 1.7 million tons, and it was on that figure that aid programmes were based, Mr. Tanco said.

He said floods and droughts

Vietnam agrees to China's prisoner-exchange proposal

PEKING, May 12 (R)—Vietnam agreed today, under protest, to swap prisoners seized in the month-long frontier war with China, proposing a border crossing-point exchange on May 21.

The surprise announcement by Vice-foreign Minister Phan Hien came at the fourth round of peace talks in Hanoi—hitherto dogged by polemical argument since they opened on April 18.

The Vietnamese minister turned down China's earlier suggestion of a first exchange on May 19, a move which could mean fresh argument before any prisoners return home.

There was no immediate response from the Chinese today. But some diplomats felt that Peking might accept the May 21 date, content with a big propaganda victory at a time when the peace talks are bogged down.

China claims to hold about 1,600 Vietnamese after freeing about 1,000 on the battlefield of their February border conflict. Hanoi says it holds about 200 Chinese.

China said yesterday it had decided unilaterally to free about 100 prisoners at the Friendship Pass border crossing on May 19 even if Vietnam did not reciprocate, and called for Red Cross dele-

gates from each nation to discuss future exchanges.

Mr. Hien said today no agreement had been reached at the negotiating table on the "problem" of prisoner exchanges. China's announcement yesterday was "an arrogant action at variance with the elementary principles of a negotiation, namely, the need for discussions to find a mutually satisfactory settlement," he said.

By making its announcement outside the talks, China had raised doubts about its professions of goodwill, Mr. Hien was quoted as saying by the Vietnam News Agency.

Vietnam, however, agreed with the proposal out of humanity and a desire to see prisoners reunited with their families. It would send representatives to the border to hand over "a number" of sick and wounded Chinese, while receiving prisoners from China, the Vietnamese delegate said.

The representatives could not be at the Friendship Pass on May 19 because of "technical reasons" and Hanoi therefore suggested May 21, Mr. Hien said.

King Carlos: Spain can provide link for dialogue between Europe, Africa

ABIDJAN, Ivory Coast, May 12 (R)—King Juan Carlos of Spain, making his first visit to black Africa, has called for an inter-continental dialogue between Europe and Africa and said that his country could provide the link.

Because of Spain's historical links with Africa, no country was better placed to help launch such a dialogue for cooperation, he said.

The king, who arrived here yesterday at the start of a week-long tour of three French-speaking African states, was speaking at a dinner in his honour last night.

French President Valéry Giscard d'Estaing has also called for such cooperation between Africa and Europe and is due to meet 15 African leaders, mostly from the French-speaking part of the con-

tinents, in Kigali, Rwanda, in ten days' time for one of the regular Franco-African summits.

King Juan Carlos said Spanish Cortes (parliament) would soon be presented with legislation to enable the government to develop closer ties with Africa.

"Europe's destiny would be imperilled without an African world of independent, prosperous and peaceful people," he told Ivory Coast President Felix Houphouët-Boigny.

He said Spain would not restrict its co-operation to its few traditional partners in north and west Africa but would "extend those links and strengthen them throughout the African world."

Turning to bilateral cooperation, the monarch said bluntly: "What has been done up to now is not enough."

Informed sources said last night that the Ivory Coast had not so far shown any great urge to develop its relations and trade with Spain. A \$200 million line of credit opened by Spain four years ago has been left almost untouched.

The king is expected to develop his idea of how Spain could act as a bridge between Europe and Africa during his visits to Guinea and Senegal next week.

World News Briefs

Bomb explosion in Athens injures 5

ATHENS, May 12 (R)—Five people were injured, two seriously, when a home-made bomb exploded in a crowded court building, the centre of Athens today, police said. The bomb caused damage to the building and hundreds of people fled in panic, a spokesman said. Minutes before the blast, anonymous callers telephoned Greek newspapers and warned a bomb had been planted in the court building by an organisation calling itself "Revolutionary People's Struggle." The group had claimed responsibility for a series of bomb explosions in Athens in recent months, including one in a suburban tax office. Twelve people, including two army officers, alleged to be members of an extreme right-wing group, went on trial before an Athens court this week accused of being involved in a series of bomb explosions in which more than 20 people were injured. The trial expected to last several more days and the defendants face prison terms of up to 20 years if found guilty.

Canada orders Yugoslav diplomat to leave

OTTAWA, May 12 (R)—The Canadian Government yesterday ordered a Yugoslav diplomat to leave the country, accusing him of harassing Canadians of Yugoslav origin. An External Affairs Ministry statement said that Mr. Mijat Tomic, vice-consul at the Yugoslav Consulate General in Toronto, should leave within a week. If Mr. Tomic "had used position in Canada to exert improper pressure on Canadians of Yugoslav origin in order to obtain information to influence developments in the Canadian Yugoslav community, did not elaborate, but said the government was determined to encourage activity that caused tension among Yugoslavs living in Canada."

Nagasaki resident attempts ritual suicide

TOKYO, May 12 (R)—A man tried to commit ritual suicide outside the prime minister's house in Tokyo today after demanding that the two days on which atomic bombs were dropped over Japan the end of World War Two be declared public holidays, police said. They said the 30-year-old man was taken to hospital with serious knife injuries to the belly. His name was not given, police said. The man was one of a group of ten people from Nagasaki who had handed a petition to a government official demanding the end of the atomic bombing of Hiroshima and Nagasaki in western Japan 1945, which led to Japan's unconditional surrender to the allies. The bombing killed an estimated 300,000 people. Some 50,000 people still suffering from radiation effects, 34 years after the blast.

India reports many have died in heat wave

NEW DELHI, May 12 (R)—Sixty people have died in a heatwave in northern India's Bihar State in the past two weeks, the Press Trust of India reported yesterday. Eight other people died in the neighbouring state of Uttar Pradesh, with temperatures across northern India well over 40 degrees centigrade.

Prince Fahd donates \$2m for Spain's poor

MARBELLA, Spain, May 12 (R)—Crown Prince Fahd of Saudi Arabia has donated \$2 million to build 100 houses for the poor in a fashionable coastal resort, the mayor said yesterday. The sum presented when the Prince, First Deputy Prime Minister and heir to the throne of King Khalid of Saudi Arabia, dined with King Carlos at Zarzuela Palace outside Madrid. The Prince has spent the past two months in a medical centre near Marbella.

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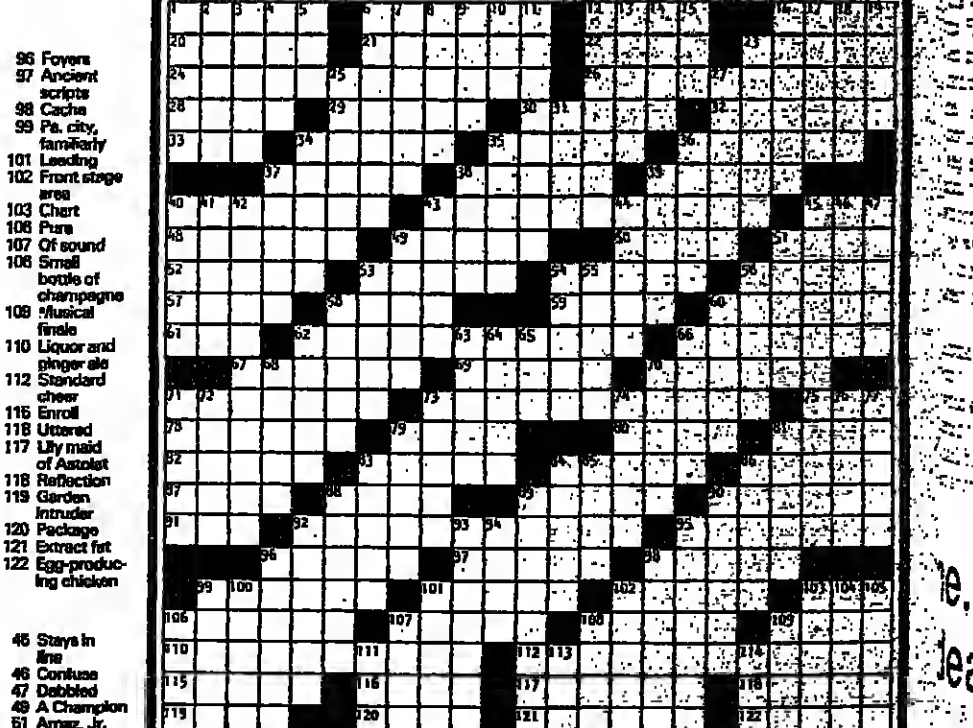
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